

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please insert the following as the first paragraph:

This application is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 USC 371 of International Application PCT/JP03/10062 filed August 7, 2003.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 4-8, with the following amended paragraph:

an absorbent body comprising a pulp fiber and a super absorbent polymer, in which a content of the super absorbent polymer is not less than 55% by weight; and

a top sheet which is liquid permeable and uses a non-woven fabric to cover the absorbent body,

wherein a fiber thickness, a wet strength, and a basis weight of the non-woven fabric in the top sheet are set to be not more than 2.0 denier, not less than 300g/25mm, and not less than 10g/m², respectively. According to such structure, absorption capability can be improved.

Please delete the paragraph at page 5, lines 9-11, which starts with "Preferably, this absorbent";

Please delete the paragraph at page 6, lines 1-5, which starts with "Preferably, in this absorbent article,";

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 6-8, with the following amended paragraph:

Accordingly Further, the strength of the non-woven fabric used as the top sheet increases, so that the absorbent article can retain sufficient strength.